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OVERVOLTAGES AND ITS USE

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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REMARKS

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of reference AN was discussed in the Specification.

Reference AA is a U.S. Patent document that corresponds to reference AN.

Reference AL is a German patent document disclosing improvements relating to

surge voltage protection devices. Reference AM is a corresponding English language Great Britain patent document. Full translations of the respective German documents will be produced at the request of the Examiner.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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